

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,  
Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing  
Company, Factory II  
750 White Street  
Dubuque  
Dubuque County  
Iowa

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Site Location: 750 White Street  
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa  
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.3  
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S24 T89N R2E  
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'  
Lot description: City Lots 354 to 358

Present Owner: unknown  
Present Usage: warehouse  
Present Condition : good

Overall Dimensions: 100'x 260'; five stories

Orientation : east

Architectural Description : Plan type : rectangular; 5-story open plan factory, with 1-4 story rear additions.

Foundation: coursed limestone ashlar perimeter walls, with tooled stone watertable. Foundation walls extend full height of 1st floor.

Structure : wood frame with masonry bearing walls.

Ext. walls: common red brick laid in running bond.

Roof : flat composition roof with brick parapet walls.

Chimneys : none visible.

Windows : painted wood 1/1 double-hung windows on front upper level with continuous stone lintels and sills, or segmental brick arch heads and lug sills, grouped in twos or threes. Paired double-hung 1st floor front and side windows in stone walls have deep reveals, continuous sills and rusticated stone lintels. Side windows are 16/16 (2nd and fourth floors), 12/12 (3rd floor), 4/4 (5th floor) double-hung, with loose or continuous stone lintels and stone continuous or lug sills.

Openings : main entrance centered on White Street facade with recent aluminum storefront installed; more modest entrances on 7th and 8th Street sides; recently installed sectional garage doors line rear wall at loading dock.

Details : wide brick pilasters with stone bases and simple molded stone capitals are separated by recessed brick spandrels with decorative panels. Above the pilasters is a masonry frieze with a projecting cornice. Original overscaled metal cornice removed and the top of the

building now wrapped with simple corrugated metal skirt; company emblem and building date on center of White Street front.

Construction Date : 1909

Architecture Style: 20th Century Functional

Physical History : This five-story brick industrial building was constructed by the Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company in 1909 on the former site of the company's shavings house and power plant. Reportedly costing \$100,000, the structure was located a half block west of the company's first plant. It initially housed wood working rooms, with a boiler plant, planing shed and business office. Now used as an annex for the U.S. Post Office, the building has undergone several alterations (most notable of which is the installation of the parapet sheathing and additions to its rear.

Significance: The Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company Factory II is historically significant in its association with one of Dubuque's largest manufacturing firms, although its 1910 construction date places it late in the milieu of the company's development. Architecturally, the building is a well proportioned and typically detailed representative of the wood/masonry structures built in Dubuque's industrial district.

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